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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP TO U.S.

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 4662 (NOTAL); (B) KUALA LUMPUR 4619

(NOTAL); (C) KUALA LUMPUR 3988 (NOTAL);

SUMMARY: PRES SPECULATION CONTINUES ABOUT PRIME MINISTER'S PLANS (NOT REPEAT NOT YET OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED) TO VISIT U.S. IN LATE SEPTEMBER TO ATTEND UNGA AND MEET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS. MFA OFFICER DISOWNED LATEST, GARBLED REPORT. HE INDICATED THAT CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR PM TO VISIT JAPAN SEPT. 19-22 AND TO ARRIVE IN CONTINENTAL U.S., POSSIBLY VIA HONOLULU, SEPT. 23. PM'S SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED AROUND HUSSEIN'S APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AUG. 8 MASS CIRCULATION "NEW STRAITS TIMES" FRONT-PAGED ITEM CITING UNIDENTIFIED "OFFICIAL SOURCES" TO THE EFFECT THAT PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN WILL BE ATTENDING UN SPECIAL SESSION ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND COMMODITY PRICE STABILIZATION IN NEW YORK AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, HUSSEIN WILL BE IN THE U.S. FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK DURING WHICH HE IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH "GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INVESTORS." THE REPORT ALSO  
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NOTED THAT THE PM WILL LEAVE FOR A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO JAPAN ON SEPT. 18 TO RECIPROCATE PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S CURRENT VISIT HERE.

3. WHEN WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO TRACK DOWN THE MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS SATHIAH (WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN CURRENT SUMMIT PROCEED-

INGS) TO CLARIFY THIS OBVIOUSLY GARBLED ITEM, HE SAID  
THAT THE REPORT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT FROM AN AUTHORITATIVE  
SOURCE. THE PM CURRENTLY PLANS TO LEAVE FOR JAPAN ON  
SEPT. 19 AND TO LEAVE TOKYO FOR LOS ANGELES OR SAN  
FRANCISCO (POSSIBLY VIA HONOLULU) ON SEPT. 22, PROBABLY  
ARRIVING CONTINENTAL U.S. ON SEPT. 23. (COMMENT: THUS  
CONTRARY TO NST STORY, PM WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ATTENDING  
RESUMED UNGA 31ST SESSION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES SCHEDULED  
TO MEET SEPT. 13-16, BUT WILL BE ATTENDING REGULAR 32ND  
SESSION SCHEDULED COMMENCE SEPT. 20.). PM'S SUBSEQUENT  
PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED AROUND HUSSEIN'S  
APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT, SATHIAH NOTED.  
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